

From: Tim Dombrowski
To: Arn Andrews
Subject: Alpine Ave Street Modifications
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 9:04:15 PM

Arn:

I know you've received extensive correspondence from my neighbors here on Alpine Ave and I'm writing to communicate my full endorsement of the position and opinions they have offered.

In neighborhood solidarity,
Tim & Irene Dombrowski

[REDACTED]

From: [Brent Knudsen](#)
To: [Arn Andrews](#)
Cc: [Jeff Gallinat](#); [Lisa Roberts](#); [KATHRYN KNUDSEN](#)
Subject: Alpine Avenue
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:28:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Arn.

Our family lives at [REDACTED] in Los Gatos where we have lived for 25 years. We love our neighborhood and our neighbors. My wife and I each also have business offices in the Town of Los Gatos with one of our daughters and her family living in Los Gatos as well. We plan to attend the town meeting tomorrow evening and support the letters you have received from many of our neighbors, specifically those sent by Jeff Gallinat, which was signed by many of our neighbors, and Lisa Roberts. In short, this is an important issue for Alpine Avenue and Los Gatos which requires additional careful consideration.

With our best regards.

Brent Knudsen

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Brent R. Knudsen, [REDACTED]
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From: Krista Gieselman
To: Arn Andrews
Subject: Alpine Ave, Los Gatos CA
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:50:02 AM

TO:



Arn Andrews • Assistant Town Manager

[110 East Main Street, Los Gatos CA 95030](#)

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FROM:

Gieselman
[REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Spector, Council Member Rob Rennie, Council Member Marico Sayoc, and Assistant Town Manager Arn Andrews;

I concur with the dated letter (August 3, 2020) from the residents of [REDACTED] Alpine Ave, Los Gatos CA to “request that the matter be continued for at least 30 days to obtain necessary input”.

Sincerely,
Krista Gieselman
[REDACTED]

From: jean ann moton
To: Arn Andrews
Subject: Alpine Avenue
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 10:15:45 AM

Hello I am Jean Morton. I live at [REDACTED] and wish add my concern about restricting parking on one side of the street.

One. I would make it more difficult to back out of my driveway with cars on either side.

Two. In order to park would require all drivers coming up from Main Street to turn around - either at the head of Alpine or more likely in neighbor driveways.

Three. The traffic will increase on the Foster road extension to Johnson in order to be on the right side of the street to park. As you know that extension is basically a one lane country lane. More traffic would cause liability to nothing to say about safety.

I ask the council to delay this motion until more study can be made and more discussion with the town and fire marshal

Yours. Jean Morton

[REDACTED]

From: Phil Branon
To: Arn Andrews
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Emergency Response Street Modifications
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 8:59:15 PM

Arn,

My wife and I live at [REDACTED] and support the numerous letters that have been sent to you to have the council grant a continuance on the agenda item on parking on Alpine Ave.

We respectfully ask that proper notice be granted for all parties to review the issue and to determine the best solution moving forward.

Phil Branon
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Arn Andrews <aandrews@losgatosca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Arn Andrews <aandrews@losgatosca.gov>
Subject: Emergency Response Street Modifications

Good Morning Alpine Avenue Residents,

You are receiving this email to inform you of proposed emergency response modifications for your street. On June 22, 2020, the Santa Clara County Fire Department staff performed an inspection of the width of Alpine Avenue as it relates to ingress/egress of emergency vehicles and residents in the event of an emergency and/or evacuation. On June 25, 2020, the Town received a recommendation from the Santa Clara County Fire Chief to limit street parking to one side (northerly side) of Alpine Avenue year-round. The recommendation is intended to ensure the safe and expeditious passage of emergency responders and residents in the event of emergency and/or evacuation. The recommendation is scheduled to be considered at the August 4th, 2020, Town Council meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting and have questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Arn Andrews, Assistant Town Manager, at 408-354-6836, or email aandrews@losgatosca.gov.

Thank you

Arn Andrews • Assistant Town Manager
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From: JANE BROGNA
To: Arn Andrews
Subject: Re: Emergency Response Street Modifications
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:03:51 AM

While we understand the need to provide a safe passage for emergency vehicles up Alpine Ave as a neighborhood we feel there are other unintended consequences that should be considered as a plan is proposed to allow emergency vehicles to pass freely up Alpine.

As a group we felt that giving us more time to discuss options with the fire marshall and town would be appropriate.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration before a final decision is made.

Jane and Sal Brogna


Sent from Xfinity Connect App

----- Original Message -----

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Thank you

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Civic Center Hillside Neighborhood Authorization for Oral Comments

Town Council Meeting – August 4, 2020

Agenda Item 17: Approve the Santa Clara County Fire District Emergency Route Recommendation for Alpine Avenue and Remove Parking on One Side of the Street.

The Leadership Team, Jon Witty, Mike Shields and Rob Stump, from the Civic Center Hillside Neighborhood have been authorized to offer oral comments on Agenda Item 17 on behalf of the residents listed below.

#	Last Name	First Name	Address
1	Bakke	Karl	Foster Road
	Bakke	Shelley	Foster Road
2	Bartlett	Steve	Foster Road
	Bartlett	Mary	Foster Road
3	Boyle	Amber	Foster Road
	Boyle	Dan	Foster Road
4	Brady	John	Foster Road
	Brady	Judy	Foster Road
5	Guyart	Christelle	Foster Road
	Callaud	Christophe	Foster Road
6	Coker	Scott	Foster Road
7	Cotton	Bill	Foster Road
	Cotton	Kathy	Foster Road
8	DiNapoli	Phil	Foster Road
	DiNapoli	Jennifer	Foster Road
9	Fitzhenry	Jack	Dishman Drive
	Fitzhenry	Pam	Dishman Drive
10	Freeburger	Patrick	Foster Road
	Sweet	Sue	Foster Road
11	Garneau	Tara	Foster Road
	Darveau-Garneau	Nicolas	Foster Road
12	Hansen	Eric	Foster Road
	Hansen	Alice	Foster Road
13	Hsing	Michael	Foster Road
14	Jatou	Ross	Foster Road
	Nessan	Susan	Foster Road
15	Long	Richard	Foster Road
16	Mitchell	Sandra	Foster Road
17	Morton	Dave	Foster Road
	Morton	Claudia	Foster Road
18	Pastrone	Paul	Dishman Drive
	Pastrone	Lauri	Dishman Drive
19	Reynolds	Brendan	Foster Road
20	Shields	Mike	Foster Road
	Shields	Karen	Foster Road
21	Stump	Robert	Foster Road
	Stump	Nancy	Foster Road
22	Ackerson	Peter	Foster Road
	Ackerson	Alana	Foster Road
23	Sund	Steve	Foster Road
	Sund	Cynthia	Foster Road
24	Weinstein	Jeff	Tourney Road
	Weinstein	Susan	Tourney Road
25	Wendt	Melanie	Foster Road
	Wendt	Tom	Foster Road
26	Weiner	Ronald	Foster Road
	Stanley	Deborah	Foster Road
27	Witty	Jon	Foster Road
	Noel	Amy	Foster Road
28	Zeidler	Brendon	Tourney Loop

**Written Authorizations from Civic Center Hillside Neighbors
Alpine Avenue – Town Council Meeting
August 4, 2020**

August 3, 2020

1. Please feel free to speak on my behalf to convince whomsoever you need, in order to restrict parking on Alpine Avenue so that vital emergency services can reach residents and property on Foster Rd 24/7/365!

Thank you, Tom Thorpe.

2. Hello Rob and team,

On this particular issue, I am in full support and you can certainly speak on our behalf.

Thanks, Ross Jatou and Susan Nesson

3. Please accept this email as authorization to speak on my behalf.

Keep up the good work.

Brendan Reynolds

4. Thanks for attending to this critical fire safety issue. Please be assured that Kathy and I fully support your efforts to increase our safe egress during a wildfire and open up clear access to our hillside neighborhood for fire crews and equipment. Parking only on the north side of Alpine Avenue will provide an increased level of safety and thus dramatically lower the level of wildlife risk to our hillside.

Thanks again for your efforts on our behalf.
Bill & Kathy Cotton

5. Yes, we are grateful if you speak on our behalf at the meeting!!

Jack and Pam Fitzhenry

6. Yes, we support the effort. Same with Johnson Avenue but at least it has 2 ways in for access I suppose.

Steven and Cynthia Sund

7. Hi! Please feel free to reference the Morton's. Thanks & best of luck!

Dave and Claudia Morton

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8. You have my authorization to speak on my behalf on this matter on Alpine Avenue

Scott Coker

9. Jennifer and I give you authority to speak our behalf at the town meeting August 4, 2020.

Phil and Jennifer DiNapoli

10. You have our permission to represent us.

Thanks – Peter and Alana Ackerson

11. Nick and I strongly support you speaking on our behalf on this important safety issue. Thank you for your continued work and leadership. We are very grateful.

Kind regards,
Tara Garneau and Nick Darveau

12. This email serves to authorize Rob Stump to speak on my behalf at the Civic Center Hillside Neighborhood meeting on August 4.

Thank you – Brendon Zeidler

13. You Have my permission to speak on our behalf in favor of this recommendation. Parking on both sides of the street creates an unusually dangerous hazard given the number of houses that exist beyond Alpine and Foster.

Thank you for doing this...Ron Weiner and Deborah Stanley

14. Pertaining to your email below, we support representatives of the Civic Center Hillside Neighbors presentation to LG Town Council on August 4.

John and Judy Brady

August 2, 2020

15. Thanks for taking leadership on the Alpine issue. All 3 of us here support making one side of Alpine no-parking, and we authorize you to speak on our behalf at the town council meeting.

Jeff and Sue Weinstein

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16. We are grateful that you are taking the time to represent our neighborhood and our concerns about vehicle movement to and from the Civic Center Hillside area should there be an emergency. On many occasions we have driven down Foster to Alpine Avenue and felt horror at the difficulty we often experience in getting down the street due to so many (often large, construction-related) vehicles parked on both sides of the road.

Please know that you have our full authorization to speak on our behalf and that we are in synch with your concerns as you address the Town of Los Gatos. We feel that the only way for us to be able to safely exit the neighborhood – and to have safety vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances reach us – is to allow parking on only one side of Alpine Avenue.

Thank you for your representation – Laurie and Paul Pastrone

17. To: Los Gatos Town Council and/or any other government agency

Rob Stump has unlimited authority to speak for us on fire or any other safety issues. This has no time limit.

Eric A. Hansen MD
Alice H Hansen

18. Thanks for your help on improving the situation on Alpine Avenue. We agree 100% with your assessment that allowing parking on two sides is a significant danger to Foster Road. Please feel free to convey to the Town Council that we agree with you.

Best,
Sue Sweet & Patrick Freeburger

19. We fully support your initiative. Feel free to talk on our behalf

Thanks for all you are doing for our community

Christelle & Christophe Callaud-Guyart

20. Thanks much for continuing to fight for this important topic. You have our full authority to speak on our behalf.

Let us know if there is anything else, we can do.

Tom & Melanie Wendt

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21. I authorize the CCHN Leadership Team to speak on my behalf on being in favor of requiring Alpine parking to be one sided only.

Not only in case of emergency but almost every day I take my kids to school is it a total mess.

Dan and Amber Boyle

22. You have permission to speak on our behalf.

Thank you,
Shelley and Karl Bakke

August 4, 2020

23. To Town of Los Gatos Council,

Please let it be known, the Civic Center Hillside Neighborhood, (Rob Stump, Jon Witty, and Mike Shields) are representing me, (Richard Long) concerning street parking on Alpine Avenue. I have lived at 17810 Foster Road for 28 years, and have personally experienced “blocked” traffic many, many times. I can’t imagine how a fire truck could respond to a fire up the hillside.

Regards,
Richard Long

24. Sandra Mitchell provided authorization by phone on August 4, 9:00 AM. She does not use email.
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25. Hi Rob, you have my support and you can speak for me. Thank you for doing this. Very much appreciated

Michael Hsing.

From: Tessa Keating
To: Arn Andrews
Cc: Jeff Gallinat; [REDACTED]
Subject: Alpine Avenue Parking
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:18:51 PM
Attachments: Alpine Parking Note - Aug 2 - v3.docx

Dear Mr Andrews

This email is to express our support for the letter submitted to the Los Gatos Town Council by our neighbor Jeff Gallinat, (attached.) We support his request for a delay in the process that has been proposed in order to more fully understand the issue and the solutions.

We respectfully request that the residents of our street are given adequate time to work with the Town and the Los Gatos Fire Department to come to a workable solution that does not create unintended consequences for our community.

We will be attending the Town Council meeting tomorrow night and have asked Mr Gallinat to represent our views.

Kind regards

Tessa Keating and Stephen Rothrock

[REDACTED]

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Tessa Keating

August 2, 2020

To: Arn Andrews and the Los Gatos Town Council

Re: Alpine Ave Parking Changes to be discussed in August 4, 2020 Town Council Meeting

We are respectfully submitting this input ahead of the council discussion on this issue.

Our request is for a 30-day delay/continuance of the implementation of the proposed changes to allow representatives of the Town, the Santa Clara County Fire Department, and the Alpine Avenue Community to fully communicate and work together to build a solution that best addresses the needs of both Los Gatos and our Alpine Avenue residents.

As you may remember, we've had a number of previous discussions over the past couple of years (and subsequent positive changes) to address the unique challenges of our street, and would like to repeat that proven process on this issue as well. We want the right solution for the 'common good' here – both us and the residents of Los Gatos. There are several reasons for our request:

1. Unfortunately, we didn't get an acceptable amount of time to understand and create an informed (and possibly collective) response to this notification. We are an engaged set of neighbors, and many of us are surprised (and some frustrated) with the short notice here, given similar issues we've had in the past, and our desire to really be involved in any solution. Specifically, we've had less than 5 days since any formal notification, even the Town had the fire department recommendation for more than 5 weeks. We do understand there may be urgency to this request, but given our inability to completely discuss the recommendation, jointly assess its impact, and understand other possible solutions, ***we want a reasonable amount of time to properly engage here with the relevant parties.***
2. Our fellow citizens who recently raised this issue with the town (who are not residents of our street) undoubtedly could have seen congestion on Alpine. We all have, from time to time. Recently, though, this has been largely due to a series of construction projects by our fellow residents, some of which were major and were done in areas with limited parking and access to the properties involved. Most Alpine residents let this temporary inconvenience pass, in support of our neighbors. However, if there actually was a concern within the Town about larger issues, *the Town certainly had the ability and the obligation to address this within the current policy.* So, this is an exceptional and temporary situation, and one we agree needs to be addressed going forward, probably by both the town and our residents, but through planning, permitting, and enforcement. ***If we actually abide by the current policies here, we believe the present parking solution will work, and represents a limited risk to the community as a whole.***

3. Although we all understand and appreciate the Town's responsibility to manage risk and ensure public safety, the proposed solution could present other potential risks that need to be considered and fully assessed in a new traffic assessment. Today's parking practices using both sides of the street in a "light and controlled" manner (when we are not in the "exceptional mode" we've been in recently). The present restrictions actually give the residents the permitted parking they need, limit overall congestion, balance the 'load' of each side of the street, also serve as an additional deterrent to speeding (which is the KEY issue, highlighted in the previous HS parking situation). We believe the proposed single-side parking solution would create a 'clear lane' for emergency traffic, but would also burden half of the residents and restrict their traffic views, and would also contribute to further speeding, which are also risks to our community and the public (and might be far more frequent ones). Alpine is unique in construction, and is often used by many town residents for many different purposes (walking, biking, etc.), and that needs to be considered as well. ***We believe additional study and discussion on this proposal is warranted to understand and balance these risks. We need to find a solution that is truly holistic and balanced, and truly safe on a daily/ongoing basis.***
4. Finally, there has been no discussion or disclosure on any possible alternatives to provide emergency access to other homes that we are aware of. We don't know what the alternatives are here, or if they even exist. What we DO know is that a lot of large heavy equipment already transits through our narrow street daily, and that they have done so for decades, largely to the benefit of those on Foster and other streets. ***We want to understand, explore, and assess any other alternatives for emergency access that might be available to address this concern.***

To conclude, there is no debate that we want Alpine to remain safe, and there is also no debate from any of us on the need for appropriate access for public safety vehicles to all town residents. We believe if the present regulations are actually adhered to and enforced, the solution we have already created together will work to balance all interests, and we would prefer the Town take this path first. If the Town genuinely feels there is a need to make a change here, we want the opportunity to formally exercise our rights to engage in that conversation and jointly participate in whatever solution is really the best one available.

My wife and I will be at the meeting (as will several of our neighbors who have agreed to be included in this letter, noted below). Please do take this letter under advisement, and please ensure the Council members see it before our item comes up for discussion on Tuesday.

Jeff and Julie Gallinat [REDACTED]
Tom and Ann Atkinson [REDACTED]
Steve and Linda Rice [REDACTED]
Ernie and Nancy Boitano ([REDACTED])

John Thomsen [REDACTED]
Phil and Melanie Branon [REDACTED]
Lou and Cheryl Ryan [REDACTED]
Dirk Franklin and Gwen Dawkins [REDACTED]